

hearing and I would urge you to approve the amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Have you finished? Thank you. Discussion on the committee amendments? If not, all in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments please vote aye, opposed nay. On the committee amendments to LB 453, have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to the bill. Senator Rupp, will you be handling the bill? Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: (Microphone not activated) Legislature, there really isn't much more to say about the bill. It makes a few minor changes in the amounts of loans. It extended the privilege of the loans for the education of a director's children also to an employee's children, I believe. And, like I say, there was no opposition to it. It simply brings the state banks in line with the national banks and I would encourage you to move the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the motion to advance the bill. Senator Rupp, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR RUPP: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, this is one of those rare occasions when we had, I guess, a breakdown of communication. Senator Remmers took the eye drop bill as his priority bill, which I thought was going to be mine, so I took this one. I guess the most compelling argument I could make for this bill is it must be a good one or I wouldn't have taken it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Rupp's explanation is good enough for me, but just to add to it. Senator Remmers, I...I was talking to Senator Harris and some of us have had experience of late in the last few years where in loans in banks to officers in banks have caused some real problems. And I haven't even had the time to look at it, Senator Remmers, but you are saying that these would allow...these changes would allow state banks to have the same sort of loaning privileges to executive officers as national